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Historical Miniature Gaming's Biggest Summer Vacation! 2010

July 8-11, 2010 at the Valley Forge Convention Center, Valley Forge, PA

HMGS WAR COLLEGE

Join with authors, artists, rules and scenario designers, gaming and hobby VIPs, etc., for some of the most interesting seminars and discussions you've ever attended as a wargamer or student of military history. The following is a list of the seminars offered at this year's convention. This year's convention theme is also well represented with some great seminars about the "Pike and Shotte" period of Seventeenth Century Warfare, 1600-99.

Plus "Hollywood comes to HISTORICON"...as there will be a *Special Guest of Honor* – Captain Dale Dye USMC (Ret) – scheduled to make a guest appearance on Saturday, July 10th, hosting two seminars/talks and available for 'Meet & Greet', which should be very popular.

Note: Seminars are not available for pre-registration – they are a first-come first-seated basis at the convention – so plan to arrive early to ensure a seat!

THURSDAY

Black Powder, Not For Everyone!

Thursday 10 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

John Stallard & The Perry Twins

A cheerful romp through the design journey of the new *Black Powder* rules, with publisher's notes and Q&A. A look at the philosophy behind it all, what it is and what it certainly is not. We will examine the "feel of the game" and the scope we think that is in it. Plus outline the next five projected supplements. Most of all, we will have a laugh and look at great painted armies by the Perry Twins and some good gags at other people's expense!

Intelligence Lessons from Iwo Jima

Thursday 11 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Peter Mancini, Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

Iwo Jima marked the first time the Japanese inflicted more casualties on U.S. Marines than they took. Was the battle necessary? Was it really a U.S. victory? What didn't we know that we should have, and what did we know, but didn't understand? A discussion of the process of military intelligence and what we learned from Iwo Jima.

Campaigns of Marshal Turenne (or What's a World War II Oral Historian doing in the 17th Century?) – Theme Seminar

Thursday 11 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-2

Aaron Elson

The American Army during the Second World War is my forte, but genealogical research on members of my father's unit, the 712th Tank Battalion led me back to Marshal Turenne, who has been described as "the best French general after Napoleon." His story is a fascinating and remarkable one. Let me share my findings with you, and show why a World War II historian is now in love with the 1600s!

Armies of Bismarck's Wars, by Author and Artist

Thursday 11 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-7

Bruce Bassett-Powell, Sponsor: [Casemate Publishing](#)

Bruce Bassett-Powell will be talking about his detailed and definitive uniform research for Bismarck's Wars, writing his forthcoming series of illustrated histories with Casemate on the various armies who would change the history of the world forever, and his own career as a military artist and author. With useful insight into creating detailed artwork plates from little or no reference, finding your way through the maze of historical source material and the military actions of Europe in the 19th Century, Bruce Bassett-Powell provides many answers for military enthusiasts.

Cool Deliberate Courage: John Eager Howard at Cowpens and Guilford Court House

Thursday 12 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

John Beakes

This presentation will focus on the battlefield performance of the Continental infantry units commanded by John Eager Howard at the Revolutionary War Battles of Cowpens and Guilford Court House. At Cowpens, Howard commanded the Continental infantry, and ordered the decisive bayonet charge that turned defeat into victory for Daniel Morgan's little army. At Guilford Court House, Howard commanded the staunch First Maryland troops that broke the back of the final British attack on the left of Nathanael Greene's third line.

The Pike's Last Swansong: Wargaming the Wars of Billy, Jamie & the Sun King – Theme Seminar

Thursday 12 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-2

Angus Konstam – *Guest of Honor*, Sponsor: [Osprey Publishing](#)

For many, the Wars of Louis XIV, the Jacobite War in Ireland and the War of the Grand Alliance are a forgotten period, sandwiched between the English Civil War and the Marlburian Era. Historian and wargamer Angus Konstam encourages you to take a fresh look at this era – the last swansong of the pike – a period with its own unique tabletop charm.

Soviet Operations in Hungary, Oct.-Dec. 1944

Thursday 12 PM, 1.5 hrs, Scanticon GS-7

Col. David Glantz – *Guest of Honor*, Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

Describes Soviet planning for and conduct of the multiple-stage Budapest offensive from October through December 1944, the initial stages of the Soviet siege of Budapest and early German efforts to defeat the Soviet offensives and raise the siege. For context, the presentation also mentions the Soviet Debrecan offensive operation of October 1944 and the successful German counterstroke that contained this offensive short of its intended objectives.

The U.S. Navy Cold War Traitors and Spies

Thursday 1 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Paul Davis, Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

Discussion will be about the U.S. Navy traitors and spies during the Cold War, which include John Walker, Jonathan Pollard and others. The traitors and spies aided the Soviet Union, North Korea and North Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

The Imperial Texas

Thursday 1:30 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-7

John Hill

Immediately on the heels of their successful revolution in 1836, Texas sought to establish not just a Republic, but an Empire. John Hill will discuss how a consistent desire for expansion, which at times intended to encompass most of the now current states of New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, and California, inspired an ongoing pattern of Texan military incursions into the New Mexico and Arizona territories. In addition to discussing the military details of the Confederate invasion of New Mexico in 1862, John will show that this campaign was not an isolated and ill-conceived operation, but the logical product of 30 years of Texan "Manifest Destiny."

The Battle for Luzon, Dec. 1941-May 1942

Thursday 2 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Jay Wertz , Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

Using interviews conducted with Americans and Filipinos who resisted the Japanese, the bravery and frustrations of the campaign will be examined. Jay will answer questions about how these veterans were located and their stories collected. He will offer suggestions for talking with family members about sensitive subjects such as their war memories.

The 'No Win' Scenario: Rule Writer's Perspective on Gaming the Late 17th Century – Theme Seminar

Thursday 2 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-2

Barry Hilton

Barry Hilton, author of *Beneath the Lily Banners* takes a walk through the tabletop challenges and opportunities facing gamers who wargame in the period 1660-99. Mechanisms, tactics, compromise, scenario construction and building multi- use wargaming forces.

Strategy and the US Civil War

Thursday 2:30 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-7

Donald Stoker

Donald Stoker has written the first book to examine the Civil War from a strategic perspective. His talk will define, in modern terms, strategy, operations, and tactics, and discuss some of the Civil War's most important strategic aspects. Important among these, and very controversial, is the role of George McClellan as a strategist, not as a tactical, battlefield commander, or as commander of the Peninsula Campaign, but his impact on overall Union strategy.

Irregular Warfare on the Revolutionary Frontier

Thursday 3 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Glenn Williams

Although the British forces enjoyed the aid of many American Indian allies in the War of Independence, many observers and historians see the fighting that occurred on the frontier as a sideshow, or barely related to the conflict. This presentation explores the British employment of irregular troops and allied Indian warriors in the American back country during the period from 1777, when Britain first convinced its Indian allies to enter the war with offensive operations, to the American retaliatory campaigns of 1779. Specifically, the narrative opens with an explanation of how the initial operations began as a diversion for Burgoyne's campaign in 1777, progressed to a major campaign in its own right in 1778, and climaxed with the Continental Army's campaign to "chastise" those of the Six Nations of Iroquois and their dependents "that were hostile to the US" in the controversial "Sullivan-Clinton" and "Brodhead" Campaigns of 1779.

At the conclusion, participants will better understand the nature of warfare on the Revolutionary frontier, and the part Continental soldiers from Maryland participated. Unlike some interpretations, the information supports the view that Continental Army's 1779 Indian Campaign was a strategic as well as a tactical military success, a fact often overlooked by many historians today.

The Physiology of Combat

Thursday 4:30 PM, 1.5 hrs, Scanticon GS-7

Frank Chadwick , Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

In the past twenty years we have learned more about how the body reacts to the stress of combat than we learned in the previous two thousand. A lot of old saws have been discredited, but a lot of odd reported events have been confirmed and explained. Interesting stuff.

The Monmouth Rebellion of 1685 – Theme Seminar

Thursday 5 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Chris Scott

In 1685, James Scott, Duke of Monmouth, first natural son of Charles II, invaded England and led a rebellion that challenged for the throne of his uncle, King James II. This will be a rapid retelling of that ill-fated rising that inspired many protestant middle-class families to fight for the 'Good Old Cause' and involved them in several engagements culminating in the last big battle on English soil – Sedgemoor. After capture, many of these west-countrymen were sold into slavery and dispatched to the Caribbean islands and America to work the plantations, many, upon release, settling on the islands and in West Virginia.

Le Hamel, 4 July 1918

Thursday 6 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Bruce Cohen

At Le Hamel, Australians and Americans under the command of Lieutenant General Sir John Monash defeated an entrenched force of Germans on July 4, 1918. Although smaller than the nearby Amiens offensive a month later, the attack introduced and perfected many of the combined-arms techniques used to end the war on the Western Front. This presentation describes the planning for the battle, the internal debate regarding American willingness to commit troops to the mission, the execution of the attack, and the role of the battle in Australian and American military history.

Battle of the Granicus River, 334 BC

Thursday 6 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-2

Dr. Ilkka Syväne

Alexander's first victory over the Persians was a hard-fought river crossing. Ancient sources offer opinions for how the Macedonians triumphed. How can we employ our knowledge of phalanx warfare to determine the most precise? What tactics worked/didn't work for the Persian defenders? An alternative reconstruction of the events following this battle will also be presented.

Battle of Secessionville: Defense of Charleston, 16 June 1862

Thursday 7 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Professor Kyle Sinisi

In June 1862, the Union made its first attempt of the Civil War to attack and seize Charleston, SC. Although Charleston was the cradle of secession and the scene of the first shots of the war, the city had been of limited operational or strategic significance for a year following the Union surrender of Fort Sumter. That changed in the early summer of 1862 when Major-General David Hunter, operating from a Union base at Hilton Head, SC, moved north with a force of less than 10,000 men and minimal naval gunfire support. With such a small army, Hunter could not hope to take Charleston with a frontal assault through its harbor defenses. Instead, he would have to land south of the city on James Island and march north, hoping eventually to capture Fort Johnson, a key part of Charleston's inner-harbor defenses. Once Fort Johnson fell, other

fortifications would follow, and the city would have no choice but to capitulate. Unfortunately for the Union, Hunter's grand design failed miserably. Well before the Union could make any attack upon Fort Johnson, it had to reduce a small fortification (the Tower Battery) on the southeast corner of James Island. On June 16, Confederate forces repulsed several ill-conceived and poorly led assaults upon the Tower Battery. With this bloody repulse at what became known as the Battle of Secessionville, David Hunter had to abandon most hopes of taking Charleston in 1862.

In recent decades the story of the Battle of Secessionville has faded from the historical memory of those interested in the history of Charleston during the Civil War. Hollywood and contemporary race consciousness have made the dramatic story of the 54th Massachusetts and its attack upon Battery Wagner in 1863 almost synonymous with the military events surrounding Charleston during the war. This is unfortunate as there is much to talk about with the Battle of Secessionville that should make it of interest to anyone who studies the Civil War and military history. A pre-dawn frontal assault with unloaded muskets, hand-to-hand combat, dysfunctional command relationships, and the last-minute arrival of Confederate reinforcements to save the day all dominate any discussion of the battle. Much of this presentation will use a traditional battle analysis that focuses on human action and top-down decision-making, especially as it reveals how the battle was lost and won. However, the most important part of the talk will consider the impact of terrain and weather on combat.

Louis XIV's Army – Theme Seminar

Thursday 7:30 PM, 1.5 hrs, Scanticon GS-2

René Chartrand – *Guest of Honor*, Sponsor: [Osprey Publishing](#)

When young King Louis XIV became the effective ruler of France in 1661, his army was already one of the most powerful in Europe. It was a well organized, well armed, efficient force for its day, but it also had all the faults of European armies of the mid-17th century: recruiting was haphazard, pay was not regular, discipline could be improved, same with equipment and arms, some senior officers had great powers with some having their own little armies, some cities also had such troops, common soldiers had no care when they left the armies and there were no uniforms, organization was good but could be better, doctrine was rather loosely applied when it existed and the high command did not always act with authority.

In a few years, Louis XIV expanded greatly the size of the standing army, introduced "order" everywhere including written general orders, regular pay, uniforms, standard armament, a powerful administrative corps to watch over corps leaders, unified all units under a single authority, created a true general staff, organized the "invalids" and pensions in the army and the navy, and, later on, a limited general conscription. The army also created a vast fortification program and was also used to dig canals still very much in use today. In short, the first "modern" army was created and it was the largest in Europe.

FRIDAY

Table-Top 10: Ten Best British Battles to Wargame, 1679-92 – Theme Seminar

Friday 8 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-2

Barry Hilton

Barry Hilton, author of *Beneath the Lily Banners* has written about and gamed in this period for over 20 years. He'll guide you through how to set up and game the most exciting encounters from the Covenanter Rebellions through to the end of the Jacobite War in Ireland. Attendees can receive all the scenario data free by email after the seminar.

What Ifs of the American Civil War

Friday 8 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-7

John Hill & Dana Lombardy, Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

Dana Lombardy and John Hill, who collaborated on the battlefield guide *The First Battle of Bull Run: Campaign of First Manassas*, look at the decisions (and non-decisions) that have been overlooked or

downplayed in most books written about America's Civil War. What decision crippled Lee's invasion of the North in 1863 before his army even left Virginia? What simple oversight hamstrung Grant's army in its first encounter in 1864 in Virginia? Audience participation is encouraged during the Q&A segment of the seminar.

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Creating An Osprey Battlescene (An Artist at Work)

Friday 9 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-2

Artist Peter Dennis, Sponsor: [Osprey Publishing](#)

Peter Dennis, acclaimed Osprey artist comes to HISTORICON for the first time to talk through and demonstrate the complexities of creating an Osprey battlescene that is historically accurate and visually exciting. Peter will be showing some of his artwork and demonstrating the process from getting the initial sources to completion. He has brilliantly illustrated dozens of Osprey books including the *Field of Glory* covers.

Afghan Update

Friday 9 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-6/7

Frank Chadwick, Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

This will be a combination breaking news and Q&A session on the latest developments in Afghanistan. We can't be more specific than that, because we don't know what they will be yet. Or if we did, we couldn't tell you. Or if we told you, we'd have to...

Armchair General Magazine: An Insider's View

Friday 10 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Col. (Ret.) Jerry Morelock, PhD, Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

If you have ever wondered what it takes to publish a military history magazine named by the *Chicago Tribune* as one of its "50 Best Magazines" in the world, this is your chance to find out. ACG's Editor in Chief presents his "insider's view" of how the magazine's "lean and mean" staff meets the challenges of today's competitive publishing world.

Karma and Naval Gunnery: The Anglo-Dutch Wars – Theme Seminar

Friday 10 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-2

Angus Konstam – *Guest of Honor*, Sponsor: [Osprey Publishing](#)

England fought three naval wars against the Dutch during the 17th century, winning two, and losing the third very badly indeed. Historian Angus Konstam reveals why it went so spectacularly wrong, and why – under different circumstances – the Navy of Cromwell's Commonwealth and Charles II's Royal Navy were able to drive the Dutch from the sea

The Cossack Rebellion: Foundations of an independent Ukrainian State from the Ukrainian perspective – Theme Seminar

Friday 10 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-7

Orest Swystun

This period saw warfare all over Europe – “The Golden Era of the Polish Empire”, “The Rise of the Russian Empire”. In the middle of all this were remnants of a decimated people rising against their oppressors; some of the finest infantry in Europe giving birth to the romanticism of the Cossacks. The Cossacks spelled the end of the Polish Domination and the end of the Winged Hussar Myth. While the Cossacks were not ultimately successful in their lifetime, they gave hope and identity to a people who would later rise in WWI and then again in WWII, fight a partisan war against the Soviets till 1956, and finally win their freedom.

Wargaming the English Civil War – Theme Seminar

Friday 11 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Chris Scott

Examination of organization, drill manuals and tactics and terrain should influence the way we wargame the conflict. Includes non-firing musket demo and focuses on how what we know of its battles/drills should be reflected in our rules and the way we play our games. A lot of the thoughts come from primary document research, study of published learned papers, and field practice and experimentation involving ‘the fighting’ of a body of men representing a period regiment in size and expertise.

Casemate Seminar – Exclusive Insights into the Military Book World

Friday 11 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-2

Simone Drinkwater, Marketing and New Business Director – [Casemate Publishing](#)

Casemate, the fastest-growing military history publisher and distributor, invites you to learn more about the company in more detail and provide you with exclusive highlights of future publications. As Casemate are also distributors for a number of other military publishers, including Histoire & Collections, Pen and Sword, Foundry, Andrea Press, Warlord Games and Heimdal, amongst others, you can be sure to find out everything there is to know about the developments of the military book world! If this wasn’t enough, there will also be the chance to find out more about becoming an author, being a military artist and researcher with guest spot by Bruce Bassett-Powell, and the opportunity to suggest ideas for new titles, become a guest blogger, and even put in your request for any out-of-print books you would like to see reprinted.

Attendees should also plan to stop by the Casemate Publishing booth in the Vendor Hall for ‘Meet & Greet’ with various authors (see booth for details at the convention), and enter daily giveaway contests for HISTORICON!

The Soviet Vistula Oder Offensive Operation, Jan.-Feb. 1945

Friday 11 AM, 1.5 hrs, Scanticon GS-7

Col. David Glantz – *Guest of Honor*, Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

Describes Soviet planning for and conduct of the offensive to clear German forces from East Prussia and capture the fortress city of Königsberg in January and February 1945, with mention of the failed preliminary Soviet offensive in October 1944.

Stalingrad: The Daily Grind

Friday 12 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Jay Wertz, Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

The battle in the streets will be examined through interviews with members of the Red Army who fought there. Jay will answer questions on the campaign and also about how these veterans were located, contacted and their stories collected. He will offer suggestions for interviewing or simply talking with family members about sensitive subjects such as their memories of war.

Pirates: From Valued Allies To Hunted Down Terrorists – Theme Seminar

Friday 12 PM, 1.5 hrs, Scanticon GS-2

René Chartrand – *Guest of Honor*, Sponsor: [Osprey Publishing](#)

In the beginning of the 17th century, Spain was the only power with a sizeable domain in the West Indies - Cuba, Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo, Jamaica and lesser establishments. Since the previous centuries, they had been the prey of corsairs from France and Britain. Sometimes, the corsairs became freebooters and buccaneers established themselves in the more remote parts of the islands. Some of them were more "active" even in peacetime against the scorned Spaniards. In London and Paris, rulers saw great opportunities to gain a foothold in the shaken Spanish domain with the help of freebooters. Lord Protector of England, Oliver Cromwell even sent troops that take Jamaica, the much weaker Spanish colony, and Port Royal became a nest of corsairs come pirates with the knighted Henry Morgan as governor.

In the 1660s, ambitious King Louis XIV sent troops to secure freebooter's establishments in Martinique and Guadeloupe, then sent warships to the mostly French – "boucanniers" – in Haiti's jungles and outlying islands such as Tortuga to become a French colony by naming their piratical leader governor. This "alliance" worked fine for a while but, in 1713, the wars ended. Pirates nevertheless continued their lucrative activities, but unlike previously, French and British warships now united their efforts with the Spanish to hunt them down. This reversal gained a new colony for Britain and heralded a new approach on sea security, which had its most recent manifestation off the coast of Somalia.

Beating the Odds: Alexander Leslie's 1640 campaign in England – Theme Seminar

Friday 12 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-7

Edward Furgol

Having created Scotland's first national army in 1639, Lord General Alexander Leslie used it to provide the covenanting movement with military victories that forced King Charles I of Great Britain to negotiate meaningfully with his rebellious Scottish subjects. Leslie's feat overcame English strategic advantages (possession of a major fortress on his supply line and naval supremacy) to achieve tactical and strategic success. His importation of Swedish military methods (the pinnacle of military organization of the 1630-40s) to Scotland provided the basis of victory. His and other diplomatic activities assured the international isolation of the king and the provision of essential military supplies, assisting operations in the field.

Exodus from The Alamo: Exploding the Last Stand Myth

Friday 1 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Dr. Phillip Tucker, Sponsor: [Casemate Publishing](#)

For the first time, Dr. Phillip Thomas Tucker's *Exodus from the Alamo, the Anatomy of the Last Stand Myth* tells the true story of what actually happened at the Alamo on the morning of March 6, 1836. The truth of what really occurred at the Alamo contradicts almost everything that we have been told, especially in regard to the fabled last stand. Quite simply, the mythmakers created the legend of the tenacious last stand in which thousands of attackers were killed and wounded. In truth, the battle was little more than a mere skirmish, with the defenders caught by surprise by a predawn attack and routed before they could galvanize an organized and effective defense of the lengthy perimeter, because the attackers gained the walls before the garrison was awakened. In the confusion and darkness, most Mexican casualties resulted from fratricide instead of defender's bullets.

When the walls were easily breached, garrison members fled the doomed Alamo by way of three exit points. They wisely decided that it was better to live and fight another day rather than attempt to defend a position already compromised. Therefore, and as revealed by new sources and evidence, most garrison members were killed not inside but outside the Alamo on the open prairie by Mexican lancers and dragoons. This seminar presents a controversial new viewpoint on the legendary stand of Davy Crockett and his men at the Alamo, and what *really* happened – not to be missed!

Massena's Last Fight: The Battle of Fuentes de Oñoro, 3-5 May 1811

Friday 1 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-7

Dr. John Gill, Sponsor: [Casemate Publishing](#)

Seminar focuses on French Marshal Massena's last battle, a 3-day struggle that his opponent, the Viscount Wellington, called "the most difficult battle I was ever concerned in." In addition to a thorough campaign overview and combat narrative, materials presented will include terrain, orders of battle (hand-outs), leadership assessments, and other scenario-related data based on research and a recent trip to the battlefield.

The Campaign and Battle of Lostwithiel, July/Aug 1644 – Theme Seminar

Saturday 1:30 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-2

Stephen Ede-Borrett; Sponsor: [Pike and Shot Society](#)

The last major Royalist victory of the First Civil War, when an Army commanded by the King in person forced the main Parliamentary Army to surrender en bloc, but also one of the greatest wasted opportunities of the War.

Richard Montgomery and the Other Invasion of Canada, 1775

Friday 2 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Dr. Michael Gabriel

The American invasion of Canada, during the first year of the Revolutionary War, is usually associated with Colonel Benedict Arnold and his heroic march through the Maine wilderness. There was another side to the invasion, however, that is frequently overlooked. General Richard Montgomery, a former British army officer and a reluctant rebel, commanded the American army in Canada and faced the bulk of the Crown's forces there. Between September and November 1775, Montgomery advanced down the Lake Champlain Valley, captured two forts, including one after a forty-eight day siege, and then seized Montreal. In the process, he diverted attention away from Arnold's approach and destroyed the greater part of the only two British regiments in the St. Lawrence Valley. Montgomery then joined Arnold's command near the walled city of Quebec in early December. Faced with expiring enlistments after an ineffective month-long siege, Montgomery unsuccessfully attempted to storm Quebec early in the morning of December 31. The assault cost Montgomery his life and effectively ended the American bid to secure Canada. This presentation will focus on the "other" invasion of Canada and its commander, Richard Montgomery, the first and highest-ranking American general officer killed in the War for Independence.

Interdiction Versus Adaptation in the Korean War

Friday 2 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-7

John Hill

With military intervention of China into the Korean War in late 1950 the contest became a test of two vastly different military doctrines; air power to isolate the battlefield versus that of logistic adaptation to "work around" hostile air interdiction. John will discuss what worked and what didn't with each side's strategy, and how that net effect was incorporated into the new 2nd edition of his classic Korean War game, "Yalu."

Myth and Reality: New England Militia during King Philip's War

Friday 2:30 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-2

Dr. Kyle Zelner

Examines the background and command system of soldiers during New England's first major war from 1675-76, where the lower fringes of society were sent off to fight in order to ensure the safety of the "better sort" in New England's towns. Covers militia impressments in England and New England, the mechanism of impressments (including substitution and resistance to), soldiers and their relationship to their communities, and how they fared.

Insights into Osprey Publishing: *The Latest News and How To Write For Us*

Friday 3 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Richard Sullivan, Marketing Director – [Osprey Publishing](#)

Learn about the company in more detail and get some sneak previews of new titles. Topics will include how Osprey makes their publishing decisions, what is the best way to submit a synopsis if you are interested in becoming an author, what their bestsellers are, who to contact with about new title ideas, and news on the latest series and plans for the future. Attendees should also plan to stop by the [Osprey Publishing](#) info booth located in the Exhibit Hall to enter daily giveaway contests for HISTORICON – great way to get free books!

Persian Incursion

Friday 3 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-7

Larry Bond

Join Larry Bond of the Admiralty Trilogy as he discusses the latest of the Admiralty Trilogy winners which examines the political and military timelines needed to support an Israeli airstrike into Iran to remove any nuclear threat once and for all. Following a question and answer period, Larry will then discuss future AT products in development.

Balaclava: *So Where Was The Damned Infantry?*

Friday 3:30 PM, 1.5 hrs, Scanticon GS-2

Will Hutchison

Balaclava in the Crimean War – Arguably the most controversial and catastrophic battle in history, and perhaps one of the most misunderstood. This talk will cover all phases of the engagement, with new and interesting perspectives throughout. The Redoubts, the Thin Red Line, the Heavy Brigade, the Light Brigade, and much more! Q&A will be included, along with a chance to purchase the author's books.

Battle of Burqan: An Iraqi Counter-attack in the Gulf War

Friday 4 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Paul Westermeyer

During the Gulf War 1990-1991, the U.S. Marines were tasked with liberating Kuwait as U.S. Army and other Coalition forces swept far into the western Iraqi desert in order to surround and destroy the bulk of the Iraqi military forces. The attack to liberate Kuwait was launched on 24 February 1991. On the second day of the operation the Iraqi 22nd Brigade of the 5th Mechanized Division and elements of the 3rd Armored Division launched a long planned counter-attack out of the burning Burqan Oil Fields in order to delay the Marine advance and inflict casualties on the Americans. This innovative attack successfully surprised the Marines, in fact the 1st Marine Division's headquarters had been established directly in front of the Iraqi axis of attack. Despite this tactical surprise, however, the Marines smashed the counter-attack in a daylong series of armored engagements conducted under eerie, smoke-filled skies. The destruction of this counter-attack marked the last chance the Iraqis had to significantly delay the liberation of Kuwait.

This seminar examines how this innovative counter-attack failed, despite achieving tactical surprise. It draws on oral history interviews, memoirs, and other relevant primary sources to illustrate this notable victory in the Coalition's campaign to liberate Kuwait.

Transition from War to Peace after Wagram: The Battle of Znaim 10-11 July 1809

Friday 4 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-6/7

Dr. John Gill, Sponsor: [Casemate Publishing](#)

This little-known final engagement between the main armies of Napoleon and the Austrian Archduke Charles, was a cornucopia of daring, caution, drama, and tempting what-if's as the pursuing French caught up with their Habsburg foes in the wake of Wagram. Based on the recently-published third volume of his *Thunder on the Danube* study of 1809 (Frontline, 2010), John Gill will discuss the chronology of the battle and the transition to ceasefire and armistice, including details on terrain, orders of battle (hand-outs), leadership and tactical assessments, as well as other scenario-related data.

From Pikes to Bayonets: Battlefield Evolution 1600-99 – Theme Seminar

Friday 5 PM, 1.5 hrs, Scanticon GS-7

Moderator: John Stallard ([Warlord Games](#))

Panel Speakers Includes: Stephen Ede-Borrett ([Pike and Shot Society](#)), René Chartrand ([Osprey Publishing](#)), Edward Furgol, Barry Hilton, Angus Konstam ([Osprey Publishing](#)), and Chris Scott.

In many ways, the 17th century was the turning point in the "musket period" battlefield tactics. In 1600, armies had vast numbers of pikemen moving in square formations of sixteen or more ranks, but evolved to long lines of three ranks with everyone having a flintlock musket with a socket bayonet. In 1600, steel breastplates with tassets and helmets were common; in 1700, all armor was gone and men wore tricorne hats with uniforms. In 1600, muskets were so heavy they needed a fork rest; in 1700, the lighter flintlock musket was the norm. And many more aspects will be raised to the panel of 17th century authors and historians.

The Austro-German Romanian Campaign of 1916

Friday 5 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-2

Dr. Michael Barrett

In Romania-Transylvania in 1916, the nature of combat did not completely resemble the stalemate in the trenches of the Western Front but instead what pre-war theorists had envisioned combat might look like: bold and rapid movements of infantry turning enemy flanks with cavalry pursuing the crushed foe, and the enemy suing for terms. Enraged by what they regarded as Romania's treachery when she joined the Allies without warning in the summer of 1916 and invaded Transylvania, the Germans and their Austrian allies responded by unleashing a campaign of continuous movement and maneuver foretelling what was to come in the *Blitzkriegs* of 1939-40.

Hitting where least expected and moving faster than the Romanians could react, even for good measure bombing the Romanian capital from a Zeppelin a day or two after war was declared, the Germans/Austrians poured over the formidable Transylvanian Alps into the plains of Wallachia, rolling up the Romanian army from west to east. At the same time, a German-Bulgarian-Turkish force, supported by a flotilla of Austrian monitors, crossed the Danube, joining their compatriots coming from the north, driving the shattered Romanian Army into Russia, all within four months. Come and learn about this WWI "blitzkrieg."

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Writing Book and Game Reviews: The Good, the Bad, and the Necessary

Friday 6:30 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Gerald Swick; Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

A review is not a book report for English class. Writing a review that will be useful (and interesting) to readers requires a balancing act of personal opinion, objective reporting and clever phrasing. Learn how to craft better reviews from the senior Web editor of *ArmchairGeneral.com*.

SATURDAY

Was Day 1 at Gettysburg An Avoidable Union Disaster? – A Debate

Saturday 8 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-7

John Hill & Dana Lombardy, Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

General John Reynolds commanded the left wing of the Army of the Potomac during Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania in 1863. He was killed leading his troops into action on what became the first day of the battle of Gettysburg. His death and the defeat of two of the three corps under his command were overshadowed by the eventual Union victory and bitter controversy surrounding Dan Sickles' III Corps on Day 2. But was Reynolds' decision to pitch into the Rebels a wise move? Did it risk losing three of the seven infantry corps that constituted the Army of the Potomac? What was Reynolds hoping to achieve? John Hill and Dana Lombardy debate these ideas and more, and invite audience participation during Q&A.

Forward the Colours! – A History of Military Flags, Pt.2

Saturday 9 AM, 1.5 hrs, Scanticon GS-1

Dr. Arthur Etchells III

What is a regiment marching into battle without flags waving in the breeze? For many years the average soldier identified himself with his regimental flag, as there were no national flags. In this second seminar (part 1 was presented at last year's HISTORICON) we will review briefly the development of the military flag over history and look at themes and trends in design. In this second part we will watch regimental flags develop along several different lines in three select countries. Austria, Prussia and Russia. There will be lots of pictures!

Anecdotal stories from D-Day to Berlin

Saturday 9 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-7

Jay Wertz; Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

Using recent interviews conducted with American, German and other veterans, the life of the soldier in the European campaign will be featured. Jay will answer questions about how these veterans were interviewed. He will offer suggestions for interviewing or simply talking with family members about sensitive subjects such as their memories of war.

A Minor and Largely Forgotten Revolutionary Battle: Fishing Creek, 1780

Saturday 9:30 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-2

Ben Rubin

The exact location of the Battle of Fishing Creek, a small but important battle of the southern theater of the American Revolution, has long been lost to historians. Ben Rubin discusses the process by which he used archival, anecdotal and geographical evidence to place the battlefield on the ground with a high degree of certainty and the ways that process by which other historians interested in putting historical locations on the map might go about discovering them.

Inventing the Schlieffen Plan

Saturday 10 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-7

Terrence Zuber

Since 1920 it has been “common knowledge” that the German war plan in 1914 was the Schlieffen plan. The Schlieffen plan provides a simple explanation of the German strategy in 1914. The Schlieffen plan dogma also has massive internal inconsistencies. The plan was not written until after Schlieffen had retired. It assumed a one-front war in which the French were on the defensive; in 1914 the Germans faced a two-front in which the French and Russians were attacking. The Schlieffen plan also employed 24 divisions that did not exist, either in 1906 or 1914. These inconsistencies have been brushed aside, indeed many of the advocates of the Schlieffen plan do not appear to have actually read the plan itself. Usually the “proof” for the existence of the Schlieffen plan is a superficial comparison of maps the Schlieffen plan and the German campaign in 1914.

Based on original planning documents, some of which only became available in Germany with the fall of the Wall, I show that the "Schlieffen plan" was never implemented as a real German war plan, and was not the German war plan in 1914. Schlieffen never tested the "Schlieffen plan" in a war game. Schlieffen's real intent was to counterattack against the expected Franco-Russian attacks. Indeed, in August 1914 the original document was the property of Schlieffen's daughters, who stored it with the family photos. In fact, Schlieffen actually advocated counter-attacking against the expected Franco-Russian offensives, as the Germans did at Tannenberg, a battle Schlieffen wargamed in 1894. There never was a "Schlieffen Plan"

Hollywood and Military History: *Can't they ever get it right?*

Saturday 11 AM, 2 hrs, Scanticon GS-1

Capt. (Ret.) Dale Dye – *Special Guest of Honor*, Sponsor: [Osprey Publishing](#)

Based on twenty turbulent years of fighting for historical accuracy in film and TV productions, Captain Dale Dye knows the answer to that intriguing question better than anyone working in the entertainment business today. As a Military Advisor, director, screenwriter and actor, he's seen the best and the worst of Hollywood's efforts in the area of military-themed productions. He's worked on films covering periods from ancient history ([Alexander](#)) through futuristic speculation (*Starship Troopers*) but is perhaps best known for his work on blockbusters such as *Platoon*, *Saving Private Ryan*, *Band of Brothers* and *The Pacific*. Captain Dye will explore the ins and outs, the trials and tribulations, of trying to present historical accuracy on big and small screens in this fascinating discussion to be followed by all the questions and answers time will allow.

The Mons Myth

Saturday 11 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-7

Terrence Zuber

Historians have maintained for nearly a century that at Mons and Le Cateau the British infantry delivered stinging blows to the German Army. The Germans, they said, massively outnumbered the British, but attacked in solid blocks and were mown down in rows by British rifle fire, which was so rapid that the Germans took it to be machine-gun fire. Even though the British were driven from their positions, the Germans suffered severe casualties.

Making unprecedented use of both German and British sources, I show that the British were not outnumbered, that the British seriously overrated the effectiveness of rifle fire, and that the German casualties were far fewer than the British thought.

In reality, Mons and Le Cateau demonstrated the combat power of the German army in the combined-arms attack, with the German infantry effectively supported by artillery and cavalry, even against an opponent as formidable as the professional British Army.

The Soviet East Prussian Offensive Operation, Jan.-Feb. 1945

Saturday 12 PM, 1.5 hrs, Scanticon GS-7

Col. David Glantz – *Guest of Honor*; Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

Describes Soviet planning for and conduct of the offensive to clear German forces from Poland and capture the cities of Warsaw, Cracow, Breslau, and Poznan in January and February 1945, with mention of preliminary Soviet bridgehead operations in October-November 1944 and the controversial Soviet decision to halt their advance short of Berlin in the first week of February 1945.

Fighting the Good Fight in 17th Century North America – Theme Seminar

Saturday 1:30 PM, 1.5 hrs, Scanticon GS-7

René Chartrand – *Guest of Honor*, Sponsor: [Osprey Publishing](#)

While tens of thousands of men chased each other in groups of pikemen, musketeers and broadsword-wielding cavalymen across vast battlefields, what was going on in North America? At the time when the first European colonies were established, North American Indians practiced two types of tactics in warfare: fights in open fields and the "skulking" way of war. Early encounters, such as Samuel de Champlain's 1609 fight against Iroquois, showed that the skulking way was the most effective and it would plague colonists

for the rest of the century. In Quebec City of the 1680s however, officers came up with a powerful twist: by combining the neat aspects of Indian skulking to European discipline and organization, they just might have "the best of both worlds".

A Forgotten Hero of the Pacific War...the Harrowing Tale of Russell Volckmann

Saturday 2 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Mike Guardia, Sponsor: [Casemate Publishing](#)

Mike Guardia, author of *American Guerrilla* by [Casemate Publishing](#), will be talking about his experiences writing and researching the epic story of Russell W. Volckmann. Abandoned by his leaders on Bataan and ordered to surrender, Volckmann refused, disappeared into the jungles, and raised a guerrilla Filipino army of over 22,000. For the next three years he led a guerrilla war against the Japanese in the Pacific – killing over 50,000 enemy troops. Aside from his decisive role in the outcome of the Pacific campaign, Guardia declares Volckmann the progenitor of modern counterinsurgency the "Father of Army Special Forces".

Buccaneering for Pleasure and Profit: The Truth about Henry Morgan – Theme Seminar

Saturday 2 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-2

Angus Konstam – *Guest of Honor*, Sponsor: [Osprey Publishing](#)

One of the world's leading experts on piracy takes a look at the late 17th century heyday of the buccaneers. How were they organised, how did they fight, what weaponry did they use and just how successful were they? Angus Konstam lifts the lid on Henry Morgan and his contemporaries, and invites you on a swashbuckling adventure into their world.

Darkest of Times: Gen. Omar Bradley's Battle of the Bulge

Saturday 3 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Col. (Ret.) Jerry Morelock, PhD, Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

Learn the shocking story of the "Soldier's General's" serious lapses in leadership during the U.S. Army's greatest WW2 battle, the Ardennes Offensive, Dec. 1944 to Jan. 1945. Described by Bradley himself as his "darkest of times," his Bulge failures demand that historians re-assess the true performance of one of America's most iconic generals.

Creating An Osprey Battlescene (An Artist at Work)

Saturday 3 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-2

Artist Peter Dennis, Sponsor: [Osprey Publishing](#)

Peter Dennis, acclaimed Osprey artist comes to HISTORICON for the first time to talk through and demonstrate the complexities of creating an Osprey battlescene that is historically accurate and visually exciting. Peter will be showing some of his artwork and demonstrating the process from getting the initial sources to completion. He has brilliantly illustrated dozens of Osprey books including the *Field of Glory* covers.

The Battle of First Newbury, 1643 – Theme Seminar

Saturday 3 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-7

Chris Scott

Chris will explain what several years of research and tramping the battlefield has revealed and how the story of the battle portrays the Earl of Essex as a competent field general who could not only command in action, lead by example and still remain aware of his strategic objective. First Newbury marked a turning point in the Civil War and witnessed the first time the Parliamentary Horse matched the vaunted Royal Horse of the dashing Prince Rupert, and the London Trained Bands demonstrated their true value.

American Calculation of Battleline Strength, 1941-42

Saturday 4 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-7

Dr. Alan Zimm

There is a popular misconception that the Japanese air attack on Pearl Harbor irrevocably accomplished two things, one material and one doctrinal: it annihilated the American Battleline, and it resolved the interwar carriers versus battleships debate driving naval officers to the firm conclusion that battleships were obsolete. These views were evidently confirmed by the fact that American battleships were not committed to surface-surface combat in the Pacific until the end of 1942.

Both perceptions are wrong. Most of the American battleline survived Pearl Harbor. They were not immediately employed in the Pacific for a number of reasons. This presentation will go into how American naval officers calculated battleline strength, examine the balance of power in battleships between all the allies, and explore some of the reasons why American battleships were not immediately committed in the Pacific. It is based on an article published in *The Northern Mariner*, July 2009. It discusses relative force balance of battleships before and after Pearl Harbor using formula developed at the US Naval War College. Discussion will include the reasons why US battleships were not employed by the US Navy in the first six months of WW II.

The Making of a Military Miniseries: *Band of Brothers* and *The Pacific*

Saturday 4:30 PM, 2 hrs, Scanticon GS-1/2

Capt. (Ret.) Dale Dye – *Special Guest of Honor*, Sponsor: [Osprey Publishing](#)

The distinguished Marine combat veteran and talented filmmaker who served as Senior Military Advisor on both of these blockbuster miniseries presents the inside story on how they were made. Captain Dale Dye USMC (Ret) talks about the research, equipment, weapons and training required to present monumental military stories in the television long-form. He'll discuss his creative approach to presenting military history on screen and reveal some of his philosophies about training actors to credibly portray soldiers. If you've ever wondered how he did it, here's your chance to find out in a wide-ranging review of two of the most historically accurate and compelling series ever made for television. The seminar will be followed by as many questions and answers as time allows.

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Table-Top 5: Five of the Best British Battles to Wargame from the War of the League of Augsburg, 1688-97 – *Theme Seminar*

Saturday 7 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Barry Hilton

Barry Hilton, author of *Beneath the Lily Banners* has written about and gamed in this period for over 20 years. He'll guide you through how to set up and game the most exciting encounters from the 'big war' between Louis XIV and the Grand Alliance. Attendees can receive all scenario data free by email after the seminar.

From the Spanish Main to Hollywood: The Evolution of Pirate Dress, Real and Imagined – Theme Seminar

Saturday 7 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-2

David Rickman; Sponsor: [Osprey Publishing](#)

Though the “Golden Age of Piracy” ended around 1725, pirates are still a popular character in contemporary culture. This presentation discusses the clothing worn by late-17th- and early-18th-century seafarers, including pirates, based on Navy records, contemporary pictures and descriptions. Then, it explores the origin of the non-historic image of pirates, including headscarves, earrings and big sashes.

Historical Art – Capturing the Past: The Creative Process

Saturday 8 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Keith Rocco, Historical Artist

Rocco looks to the conception of historical art as we know it today from Meissonier to Frederick Remington. He then proceeds to explain the traditional methods employed in creating both these past masters and his own current works. The slide show is full of artwork and the step-by-step process, with always interesting conversations about painting, artifact collecting and historical research.

SUNDAY

Bare-Arsed Banditi: The Highland Charge Exposed – Theme Seminar

Sunday 9 AM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Angus Konstam – *Guest of Honor*, Sponsor: [Osprey Publishing](#)

Much has been claimed about the fighting qualities of Highlanders, but little has been proved. Historian Angus Konstam looks at their fighting record during the mid to late 17th century, to see if any of these claims can really be justified. Were they the fearsome warriors of legend or merely poorly trained and badly motivated *bare-arsed banditi*?

Soviet Operations in Hungary, Jan.-Mar. 1945

Sunday 10:30 AM, 1.5 hrs, Scanticon GS-1

Col. David Glantz – *Guest of Honor*; Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

Describes Soviet planning for and conduct of operations to capture Budapest in January and February 1945, German attempts to relieve their forces defending the city, and the preparation and conduct of German Sixth SS Panzer Army’s offensive in the Lake Balaton region in March 1945. The presentation ends with the defeat of the Balaton offensive and commencement by the Soviets of the Vienna operation in mid-March 1945.

The Bear is Back! – Russia’s New Cold War

Sunday 12 PM, 1 hr, Scanticon GS-1

Col. (Ret.) Jerry Morelock, PhD, Sponsor: Weider History Group (www.historynet.com)

The U.S. has hit the “reset button” in relations with Russia, but who dialed in the year 1980? The Medvedev-Putin regime resurrects Soviet-era “heroes” like Josef Stalin, cheerleads a xenophobic “Russia über alles” national philosophy, and flexes its muscles bullying Russia’s neighbors, and acts as if the Cold War never ended. What’s up with that?
